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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/787,182 :
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FOR: IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS, :
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ENCODING PROGRAM, IMAGE
DECODING APPARATUS, IMAGE
DECODING METHOD AND IMAGE
DECODING PROGRAM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.